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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

INVENTOR(S) : Rassoll Rashidi
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
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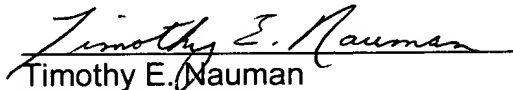
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